They have manufactured following coaches in 2005-06 and in 2006-07 (upto 28th February, 2007):

	2005-06	2006-07 (upto 28.2.2007)
Passenger Coaches	225 Nos.	171 Nos.
ACEMU Coaches	Nil	15 Nos.
TOTAL	225 Nos.	186 Nos.

(b) 255 new coaches were received by South Central Railway during 2005-06.

(c) There is no train by the name of Narsonapur Express running on South Central Railway. However, there is a train called Narsapur Express which runs between Hyderabad and Narsapur on South Central Railway. Coaches running in Narsapur Express are within their codal life of 25 years. Overaged coaches are not permitted to be used in passenger services.

(d) and (e) Railway coaches are not allotted on State/Province basis. Coaches are allotted to and owned by Zonal Railway whose territory may extend over many provinces. Allotment of coaches to Zonal Railways is done after taking into account the requirement on additional and replacement account for different types of coaches.

Passenger amenities at stations in Bihar

2855. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the railway stations in Bihar are very dirty and there is lack of basic passenger amenities;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto; and

(c) what are the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to provide basic amenities at these stations and keep them clean?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Minimum Essential Amenities have already been provided at all Railway Stations in Bihar. Regarding cleanliness, special drives are conducted by way of introduction of mechanized cleaning and enhanced financial powers of Station Masters to ensure cleanliness at stations. Special Committees are also formed to monitor cleanliness and maintain all basic passenger amenities properly at stations.

Development of Sabarmati Station

†2856. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURYAKANTBHAI ACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is planning to develop Sabarmati Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Doubling of Mumbai-Chennai rail route

2857. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mumbai-Chennai rail routes goes on a single track for nearly 300 kms. unlike other routes connecting two major main metro cities;

(b) whether there is any plan to go for doubling stretch of this crucial single track in question; and

(c) if not, by when it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) On Mumbai-Chennai route, single exists for about 495 kms.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.